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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT PURCHASE REDUCTION

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1; EMBASSY HAS UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT AIRCRAFT PURCHASE ROW REPORTED REFTEL HAS APPARENTLY RESULTED IN THE FIRING OF FIVE KEY NIGERIA AIRWAYS (NS) PERSONNEL AND POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN AIRCRAFT PURCHASE BY AIRLINE. SACKED PERSONNEL INCLUDE CHIEF MAINTENANCE MAN AND THREE PILOTS. IN ADDITION, ENGINEERING MANAGER NOW ON LEAVE IN U.K. MAY NOT BE ASKED TO RETURN. NA INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR WING COMMANDER USMAN MUAZU ALLEGEDLY FIRED THEM ALL SEPTEMBER 30 FOR OBJECTING TOO STRENUOUSLY TO NA DECISION TO PURCHASE DC-10 INSTEAD OF B-747 SP. IN WAKE OF SACKINGS, NA NOW REPORTEDLY BELIEVES IT HAS INSUFFICIENT TRAINED PERSONNEL TO PROPERLY UTILIZE PROSPECTIVE AIRCRAFT PURCHASES AND MAY CUT PLANNED ACQUISITIONS FROM TWO DC-10'S (ONE ORDERED, ONE BEING CONSIDERED), ONE B-707 AND TWO B-727'S TO ONE DC-10, ONE B-707, AND ONE B-727.

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2. COMMENT: FIRING OF FIVE PERSONNEL, A REACTION OF
THIN-SKINNED NA OFFICIALS TO VOCAL PUBLIC CRITICISM, MAY
OR MAY NOT HAVE EFFECT ON ULTIMATE AIRLINE AIRCRAFT
PURCHASE PLANS. IN ANY CASE, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS
BOTH DOUGLAS AND BOEING REPS IN LAGOS AND IN A POSITION
TO ASSESS SITUATION ON BEHALF OF THEIR RESPECTIVE
COMPANIES.
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